

A³ intended and contemplated. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto. ✓

On page 13, line 1, change "Claims" to --What is claimed is:--.

REMARKS

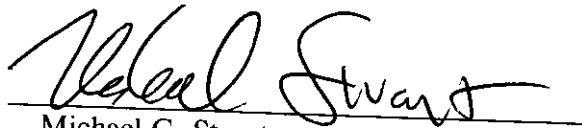
This preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in proper form for examination. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Please note that the amendments herein refer to the *Amended* specification attached to the "Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report" dated June 30, 2000.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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